CLAIMS

1. Portable electronic apparatus comprising

a sensor for sensing the portable electronic apparatus coupled in intimate proximity to a rest, and

inhibiting means responsive to the sensor sensing absence of said intimate proximity to the rest for automatically inhibiting operation of the portable electronic apparatus.

- 2. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sensor and locking means are operative for a power on mode of the portable electronic apparatus.
- 3. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the inhibiting means is adapted to inhibit access to information stored in the portable electronic apparatus.
- 4. Portable-electronic-apparatus-accolding-to-claim_1,_wherein_the_portable_electronic apparatus comprises a radio telephone.
- 5. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the inhibiting means is adapted to inhibit making an outgoing call from the radio telephone.
- 6. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 4, further comprising a memory means for storing subscriber identity information, wherein the inhibiting means is adapted to inhibit access to subscriber identity information stored in the memory means.
- 7. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the rest is a base unit.
- 8. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising a rechargeable power supply, and wherein the sensor is adapted to sense the portable electronic apparatus coupled in intimate proximity to a base unit comprising a charging unit.

- 9. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the sensor is adapted to sense a charging voltage for charging the rechargeable power supply of the portable electronic apparatus.
- 10. Portable electronic apparatus according to claim 1, wherein operation of the portable electronic apparatus restorable responsive to a security code input to the portable electronic apparatus.
- 11. A method for inhibiting unauthorised use of a portable electronic apparatus, comprising the steps of:

sensing the portable electronic apparatus coupled in intimate proximity to a rest, and

automatically inhibiting operation of the portable electronic apparatus for absence of said intimate proximity to the rest.

